

## Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church



# INSIGHT

April 2026

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME: 8:00 & 10:30AM**

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

*Church Office is Closed on Monday*

**9:00 AM—2:00 PM TUES/WED/THURS**

**9:30 AM—1:00 PM FRIDAY**

## FROM THE PASTOR

*"He is not here; He has risen!" – Luke 24:6*

April brings us to the joyful celebration of Easter, the cornerstone of our faith and the radiant reminder that death does not have the final word. After our Lenten journey of reflection and repentance and remembering how the Good News is really Good News. We now rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and a new hope for this world.

Our journey in Holy Week to begin this month:

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

It all started with the Passion History that we heard on Palm Sunday, recounted from the Gospel of Matthew.

**Maundy Thursday Service**

A reminder of Jesus's last earthly hours, his last meal with his disciples, the instituting of the sacrament of communion, his final prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane and his arrest.

**Good Friday Service**

A solemn service reflecting on Christ's sacrifice and immeasurable love. We remember his final hours and words through the Tenebrae Service.

**Easter Sunday Celebration**

Come celebrate the resurrection with joyful worship, special music, and a message of hope for all generations. Come and experience the good news!

Spring mirrors the message of Easter — new growth, new beginnings, and renewed hope. Easter reminds us that hope is never lost. Whatever burdens we may be carrying, we remember that the risen Christ walks with us. Because He lives, we can face today with confidence and peace. Let us be people of the resurrection — filled with joy and compassion. He is risen indeed!

***See you in worship,***

***Pastor Randy***

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Maundy Thursday, April 2nd @ 7PM

Good Friday, April 3rd @ 7PM

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD – April 5th

SUNRISE: 6:30AM in the outdoor chapel weather permitting

EASTER SERVICES: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

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## SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED!

The 2026 Synod Assembly will take place on June 5th and 6th and will feature the bishop's election. If you are interested in being a 'voting member' talk to Pastor Randy.

## PARTNERSHIP

This community group shares and discusses a word each month and the many and various ways in which we interact with it. **This month it is: HOPE.**

## THEO-THURSDAY

Theo Thursday continues this month. This informal time is led by Pastor Randy and is open to all. This month we will again be at Demetrios Restaurant (Broadview Heights) on Thursday, April 16th @ 9:30AM.



## INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?

If you are interested in joining Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, speak with Pastor Randy.

## CHRISTIAN YOGA AT CRLC

Renew your mind, body, and spirit on Mondays, 7:00PM led by Jenna Waltz in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! The cost is a free will offering. Bring your own yoga mat. For more information please contact Jenna at [jenna.waltz@gmail.com](mailto:jenna.waltz@gmail.com).



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Pastor Randy's Message
- Holy Week Services
- Welcome Tonya Pagel
- Citizen of the Year
- Baptisms
- Concert April 12th
- Concert Donations
- Adult Sunday School Series
- Haven Home Baby Shower
- Run for LMM
- Hobby Days
- CRLC Games & Fellowship Night

## WE HAVE A MINISTRY COORDINATOR! WELCOME TONYA PAGEL

This new position will be seeking to strengthen our existing ministries and volunteer base. This position is not removing any duties from any existing position of the staff or of the pastor. In other words, the ministry coordinator is not doing ministry instead of someone else who is currently assigned to do it, but rather the goal is to help weave better communication and enable things from not falling through the cracks as we seek to enhance existing ministries as well as expanding our base. We are excited to have Tonya on board. This position will be evolving as we grow into it. We will be learning things along the way. This is a 4-to-5-hour average week position. **Welcome Tonya!**



### **A few things that the Ministry Coordinator is NOT:**

- +The ministry coordinator is not the custodian. They are not meant to pick up the pieces and messes of other things.
- +Ministry coordinator is not the complaint department. As always if you have a concern with something or a person, please go to the source of that issue.
- +The ministry coordinator is not in charge of ministries. The position is to help assist and guide ministries not by default, but to lead them.
- +The Ministry coordinator is not meant to be the “catch all”, in other words, if we don’t know whose responsibility it is, we seek not to toss onto the ministry coordinator.
- +The ministry coordinator is not “a-go-for” meaning they are not meant to be the assistant to different leaders who are in charge of different areas of ministry. They are rather to assist the ministry happening, not run it or fill in the gaps of something somebody particularly needs.
- +Finally, the ministry coordinator is not a fully defined position yet. We know it is a work in progress. We will be experimenting and trying things along the way to see what best enhances our ministry together.

Here is her email address: [Ministry.coord@crlcbrecksville.org](mailto:Ministry.coord@crlcbrecksville.org)



### **MORE ABOUT TONYA**

Tonya is recently retired after 37 years of teaching in the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools. She and Brent have been married for 32 years and they have two children, Shawn (25) and Elise (14). Her hobbies include reading, cooking, skiing, and doing anything with her family. Tonya has been a member of CRLC for 36 years. Her favorite thing about CRLC is the true church family that exists here. She hopes to be able to help new members acclimate into this family and to help all members share their talents with the various ministries.

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

On February 26th, Mayor Kingston presented his State of the City Address to a full house. Lou Carouse, former Councilman and CRLC member, was awarded the Citizen of the Year by Brecksville Chamber of Commerce.

Congratulations Lou!



## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, calls, cards and get well wishes during my recovery. I am blessed to have a wonderful church family. - Karen Knicely



## NEWLY BAPTIZED

On March 15th, (left to right) Jaxson, Karly, and Maddox Shaver were baptized during the church service. Clayton Shaver is pictured on the right. Congratulations!



## HYMN OF THE DAY—APRIL 12, 2026 “COME, YOU FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN” ELW 363

In worship on April 12, 2026 we will sing “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”, a 7<sup>th</sup>-century text by John of Damascus (675-749), a poet of the Greek church and a major theologian and hymn writer of his time. He started out in the footsteps of his father as a Christian representative of the Caliph in Damascus (an Islamic government). Because of his Christian faith, he renounced all his possessions, joined a monastery in St. Sabas near Jerusalem and became a priest. The opening phrase, “Come, you faithful raise the strain of triumphant gladness!” makes it clear that Christ has triumphed in his resurrection after death. Then stanza 1 continues, “God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness, loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke Jacob’s sons and daughters;” and “led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.” This stanza tells of the salvation history of God’s people. The parallel is that God saved God’s people from their slavery in Egypt just as God saved God’s people through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Stanza 2 refers to the “prison” of the Christ’s three-day sleep in death: “Christ has burst his prison.” Stanza 4 references today’s gospel story about Jesus appearing to the disciples and then to Thomas: “But today, among your own, you appear, bestowing your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.” And finally, in stanza 5, our response is “Alleluia! now we cry to our Lord immortal, who triumphant bursts the bars of the tomb’s dark portal; Alleluia! with the Son God the Father praising; Alleluia! yet again to the Spirit raising.”

The Gospel lesson for April 12, 2026 comes from John 20. The setting is perhaps the day after the resurrection (Easter Monday). The disciples seem to be hiding out in a house with locked doors, afraid that the Jewish people might come for them. Jesus appears to them, with his loving greeting, “Peace be with you,” shows them all his wounds and sends them the Holy Spirit, empowering them to forgive sins. Thomas is absent. When they see Thomas, they tell him that they have seen Jesus. Thomas says he will not believe unless he can touch the wounds; then he will believe. A week later, again as the doors were shut (and locked), Jesus appears and this time (again after his loving greeting of “Peace be with you”) Jesus says directly to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas does so, seeing, touching, and believing. Jesus chides him a bit by saying, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

What does it mean to you to “believe without seeing?” None of us was there those first two Mondays after the resurrection to see and feel the wounded and resurrected body of Jesus. Yet somehow, we believe in the miracle of the story and, therefore, the important truth of the story. The death and resurrection story that Jesus embodied has evidence in so many places. The frozen winter brings death to all it touches on earth’s surface, but the warmth of spring brings that life that was forced into hiding in the depths of the earth. The hibernating bear, arising from its tomb of slumber, emerges to resume its life again.

Resurrection is God’s way of enabling change. We must believe in this ability to change and grow and evolve into something new and something better.

Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

*Information from: Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Paul Westermeyer, 2010 and in tempo, 2026, No. 1.*



**THE GOSPEL DISCIPLES IN SONG:  
NORTHEAST OHIO'S PREMIER GOSPEL  
MALE ENSEMBLE**

**12 April | 4:00 PM**



The Gospel Disciples In Song is a Northeast Ohio-based vocal group comprised of men from diverse Christian denominations, united by a singular mission: to share the Gospel through the artistry of song. Our repertoire features traditional sacred hymns, inspirational secular classics and traditional Southern Gospel favorites.

Drawing from deep roots within the Barbershop Harmony Society, our singers possess years of experience in the Akron, Canton, Warren, and Shenango choruses. This foundation of barbershop-style harmony creates a rich, distinctive sound rarely heard in contemporary sacred music. Led by acclaimed director Scott Giles, the group has established itself as a staple in the regional music scene.

In less than three years, the group has performed at over 100 church services, maintaining a commitment to community service by performing without charge. Following successful appearances at the Akron Derbytowntown Chorus annual show and Canton Hall of Fame Chorus' Christmas and Veteran's shows, the group is expanding its reach to include major regional events like the Medina and Portage County Fairs.

***An Ecumenical Brotherhood Praising Christ Through Choral Excellence***

## DONATE ONLINE

You now have the option of donating directly to the music program online, through the CRLC website. Just click on the “Donate” tab at the top of the CRLC home page and you’ll see a section at the bottom of the page for online donations. The new **Music Event Fund** will accept your donations anytime.

Look for this icon to donate:



### Music Event Fund

Donate

## NEW QR CODE TO DONATE

You’ll also notice a new QR code that has been added to the bottom of the **Sponsorship Form 2026 Concerts @ CRLC**. This allows you to use your cell phone to donate directly to the Music Event Fund. Below is the QR code for your convenience.

The **Sponsorship Form 2026 Concerts @ CRLC** form can be found on the message board in the Narthex.



## THE ERIE WATERS FLUTE ENSEMBLE CONCERT

On March 22nd, the Erie Waters Flute Ensemble played to over 100 attendees. The beautiful music filled the air.

Thank you to all who attended and be sure to check out our next concert on April 12th at 4:00pm.

Please enjoy these pictures of the concert.



# READINGS FOR APRIL

## APRIL 5—Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Colossians 3:1-4  
Matthew 28:1-10

## APRIL 12—Second Sunday of Easter

In today’s gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

## APRIL 19—Third Sunday of Easter

Today’s gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord’s day.

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

## APRIL 26—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

In April our Lenten reflections are completed with the joyous celebration of our risen Savior! Easter is a time to **“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth...”** (Psalm 98:4).

When reflecting on *noise*, it is also important to consider hearing problems that occur because of excess *noise* in our environment. Noise poses a threat to hearing, health, learning and behavior.



### **Noise Threatens Hearing**

Noise is one of the leading causes of hearing loss. *Noise induced hearing loss is cumulative across the life span.* Health statistics suggest that hearing loss is occurring at younger & younger ages. Noise induced hearing loss, though preventable, is *permanent*. Continuous exposure to noise above 85 decibels can be harmful to hearing.

### **Noise Harms More Than Our Ears**

Noise does not have to be that loud to lead to physiological changes in blood pressure, sleep, digestion & stress-related disorders. “Noise in the home brings chaos to our lives”. Studies exist documenting the harmful effects of noise on children’s learning & behavior. A study of “noise confusion” in the home and its impact on early childhood development found issues of lower caregiver attentiveness.

Stress is created by unwanted sound. It can make us tense & angry. Adults and children need quiet time at home to create, learn, relax and just “be”!

### **Warning Signs**

- A ringing or buzzing (tinnitus) in the ears immediately after exposure to noise.
- A slight muffling of sounds after exposure making it difficult to understand people when you leave a noisy area.
- Difficulty understanding speech; that is, you can hear all the words, but you can’t understand all of them.

### **Steps to Preserving the Peace and Protecting Hearing**

- Pay attention to the noises around you. Whenever possible, turn down the volume.
- Give your ears a break - limit the use of noisy toys & loud appliances. Be selective, and purchase toys and appliances that do not generate high levels of noise.
- *Listen to headphones & earbuds at safe levels.* A rule of thumb: If you cannot hear other people talking or if others can hear your music while the headphones are on, it is too loud.
- Wear adequate hearing protection.
- Avoid or limit the time at noisy sports events, jet skis, hunting, power tools, etc.
- *Alternate a noisy activity with a quiet one to give your ears a rest.*
- If you are exposed to noise on a regular basis, get your hearing checked by a qualified audiologist. Hearing aids & cochlear implants can help. Treat ear infections.
- Make your home acoustically sound i.e. place vibrations mounts under major appliances.

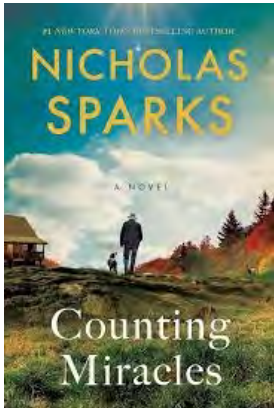
Hearing is a gift from God that does not have a quick fix, take care and **“Hear for the Future”**. “I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.” (Psalm 116:1-2)



### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Meeting on April 1st at 10:00am.

Women of the ELCA “Gather” magazine with our Spring Bible study. Spring 2026: “I AM: God’s holy name and promise,” a three-part Bible study by the Rev. Hannah Hawkinson. Session 2.



### CRLC FAITHFUL READERS

Meeting on April 15th at 10:00am in the Chapelview Room.

The book for April is “Counting Miracles” by Nicholas Sparks.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SERIES

As we embark on the final Adult Sunday School classes before we break for the summer, we will have a potpourri of topics. Beginning April 19th, Pastor Randy will be leading most of these sessions.

**Sunday, April 12th** – Suicide Prevention led by Marcos Ortiz

**Sunday, April 19th** – “What is going on with men and the Bible?”  
Led by Pastor Randy

**Sunday, April 26th** – “Reasons to leave the Church” – led by Pastor Randy

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### PIERSTORF COLLEGE FUND

Did you know Ohio Lutheran students have access to **interest-free college loans**?

The Pierstorf College Fund provides **up to \$4,000 per year** for Lutheran students enrolled full-time at accredited four-year colleges or universities. Since 1994, this unique ministry has awarded over \$14 million to support students pursuing higher education.

**Applications for 2026–2027 open March 1 and close June 30.**

Learn more or apply at [www.Pierstorf.org](http://www.Pierstorf.org).

## GOD IS WITH US

Our theme for our Sunday School class, of "God is with us everywhere" is evident with our busy trafficked road, in our downstairs hallway. Each car represents a Sunday school child and where God was with them during the week, such as "God was with me at home", "God as with me at the beach", "At the playground", "During my surgery", and more.



## BIRTHDAY MISSION PROJECT

During the month of February and into March, the Sunday School started a collection to put together birthday cake kits. The Sunday School children packed 37 birthday cake kits, along with making cards to go along with the kits.

Thank you to all who donated and those who helped coordinate the collection!





*"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving" - Mother Teresa*

## SOUTH HILLS LEND-A-HAND

We continue to collect food for the food pantry in Broadview Heights that serves residents of Brecksville, Broadview Heights, Independence and Seven Hills.

**Call 440-526-0514 if you would like to help or need assistance.**

### Need on a more regular basis:

#### **Tissues, Laundry Detergent and Canned Fruit**

##### **ITEMS NEEDED THE MOST:**

|                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| canned meals/stew     | canned soup              |
| canned beans          | canned fruit             |
| canned vegetables     | tuna fish                |
| peanut butter & jelly | pancake mix              |
| cereal                | rice                     |
| macaroni & cheese     | spaghetti sauce          |
| Tissues               | paper towels             |
| hygiene products      | diapers                  |
|                       | liquid laundry detergent |

## USED CELL PHONES

Used cell phones are being collected throughout the year and will be donated to the **JOURNEY CENTER FOR SAFETY AND HEALING** (formerly *Domestic Violence Center*). There is a marked bag located on the coffee counter in the Gathering Space by the front entry doors.

The **JOURNEY CENTER FOR SAFETY AND HEALING** provides *services that foster safety and healing for those affected by child abuse and domestic violence.*

**Lutheran Disaster Response** actively works in *areas affected by tornados, hurricanes, flooding, wild-fires and war.* Donations can be made on our website home page or click on the donate tab. Checks can also be written to CRLC and write LDR on the memo line. CRLC will send your donation to LDR.

### **Aluminum pull-tabs needed for RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES**

There is a large jar in the Gathering Space by the stairwell as well as in the coat room at the bottom of the food shelf.

A local recycler turns the pull-tabs into *money for their Family Fund.*

## REDEEMER CRISIS CENTER

### **\*EMPHASIS ON ITEMS NEEDED\***

**Peanut Butter, Boxed Cereal and Toilet Paper,**  
lamps & lightbulbs  
matching bed linens (bagged & size indicated)  
16 qt. pots for rice  
non-condensed soup in cans with pull-tab tops  
fruit in cans with pull-tab tops  
veggies in cans with pull-tab tops  
complete meal can goods with pull-tab tops  
tuna fish  
Peanut butter  
Personal hygiene items for men & women  
Toilet paper  
Hand held can openers

## OASIS COLLECTION

Items can be dropped off at church into the donation area of the coat closet.

Food/Snacks—must be nut-free:

- individual bags of chips, pretzels, cookies, or goldfish crackers
- fruit snacks
- applesauce cups or squeeze packs
- Nutrigrain bars
- plastic spoons

Art Supplies:

- Sharpened pencils
- Crayons, markers, colored pencils
- Coloring books/sheets
- Loose notebook paper
- Plain and construction paper
- Stickers

Hygiene & Personal Items

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|---|-----------------------|
| • deodorant   | • body wash           |
| • hair scrunchies                                       | • gentle face wash    |
| • socks (youth sizes)                                   | • hand sanitizer      |
| • lip balm (unscented)                                  | • tissues             |
| • toothbrushes & toothpaste                             | • cocoa butter lotion |
| • individual packets of A&D ointment or petroleum jelly |                       |
| • girls underwear (4T, 5T, Youth S (5-6) and M (7-8))   |                       |

CRLC will continue to help OASIS financially as they continue to support and partner with multiple inner-city Lutheran church's efforts to help disadvantaged youth.

## SOUTH HILLS LEND-A-HAND FOOD PANTRY

Dear Congregation,

On behalf of South Hills Lend-A-Hand, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your most recent donation of 112 pounds of food and non-perishable items. Your support plays a meaningful role in helping us provide nutritious food and essential items to local families in need.

Your kindness helps us restock the items most requested each week by households facing hardship. Contributions like yours allow us to continue serving our community with dignity, compassion and a commitment to ensuring that no family goes without the essentials they depend on.

We are truly grateful for your generosity and for the support your congregation shows for our mission. Your contribution reminds us of the strength that comes from working together to uplift and care for our neighbors.

With sincere gratitude,

Karen Atwell, Chairperson

and the Entire Staff at the South Hills Lend-A-Hand Food Pantry



## LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Dear Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for your gift of \$100 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters, in the immediate aftermath and far into the future. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. You make God's love real.

Rev. Daniel Rift—Director, Congregational Generosity

Dear Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for your gift of \$160 to ELCA World Hunger.

Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries, including the United States. It provides access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock and education, and it advances peace and justice for all people.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. You make God's love real.

Rev. Daniel Rift—Director, Congregational Generosity



Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR

# THE HAVEN HOME

## *Baby Shower Luncheon*

SPONSORED BY WOMEN'S  
FELLOWSHIP/ SERVING

A LUNCHEON WILL BE PROVIDED AND ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!  
A REPRESENTATIVE FROM HAVEN HOME WILL BE SPEAKING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> | 11:00AM - 1:00PM

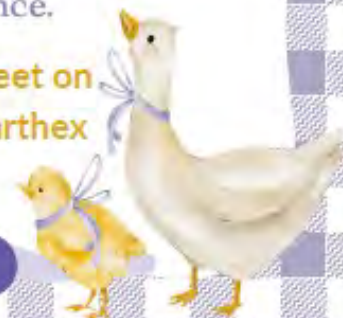
Free will donation of \$20 to benefit The  
Haven Home (check or cash)

Please bring a bag of diapers and/or baby wipes,  
either on the day of the event, or drop off at the table  
in the Gathering Space.

### ABOUT THE HAVEN HOME

- This non-profit provides transitional housing for homeless pregnant and parenting women and their children (up to age 5) for up to 1 year.
- It offers a stable environment with private rooms and shared spaces, along with healthcare access, career training, financial literacy, and parenting education to help families achieve independence.

RSVP by April 22<sup>nd</sup> by signing the sheet on  
the Gathering Space table, or the Narthex  
message board.



Supported as a Thrivent Action Team project



# **RUN FOR LMM CLEVELAND MARATHON MAY 16 - 17**

LMM has been chosen to be an OFFICIAL CHARITY partner with the upcoming CLE Marathon! This partnership gives runners the opportunity to raise funds for LMM while running in any of the Marathon events. IF you are interested in supporting LMM in the Marathon, please contact Brian Sturgeon 216-696-0370 [bsturgeon@lutheranmetro.org](mailto:bsturgeon@lutheranmetro.org)

Brian will help you register, and share the discount code available to LMM runners. To make sure you are connected with Team LMM, you will check the box identifying you as an LMM team runner. Please contact him at your earliest convenience for all the details. In addition to the full marathon, other races include the half marathon, 10k and 5k. Participation in any event will generate proceeds for LMM. Encourage friends to join you. In order to connect your registration with LMM, please contact Brian ASAP!

Funds earned through the marathon will help support LMM's youth resiliency services.

In 2025, the LMM youth resiliency program served over 250 youth! These programs have proven to be successful in a number of ways, including increased high school graduation rates, and preparation for youth to live more independent adult lives. A new youth fitness room opened recently. The youth are enthusiastically utilizing it while keeping fit and healthy.

For general information about the upcoming CLE Marathon, go direct to their website [clevelandmarathon.com](http://clevelandmarathon.com)

VOLUNTEERS are also needed to support the LMM runners. Please consider joining the volunteer team. Brian can answer any questions about volunteering, including how to earn volunteer service hours.

Opportunities include :

Health and Fitness Expo Crew

Water Station Heroes

Start and Finish Line Marshals

Bib and T-Shirt Distribution

Course Marshals

Watch party participants to cheer on Team LMM runners

Again, please contact Brian at your earliest opportunity to learn more on participating in the race, or volunteering for this worthwhile charitable event.

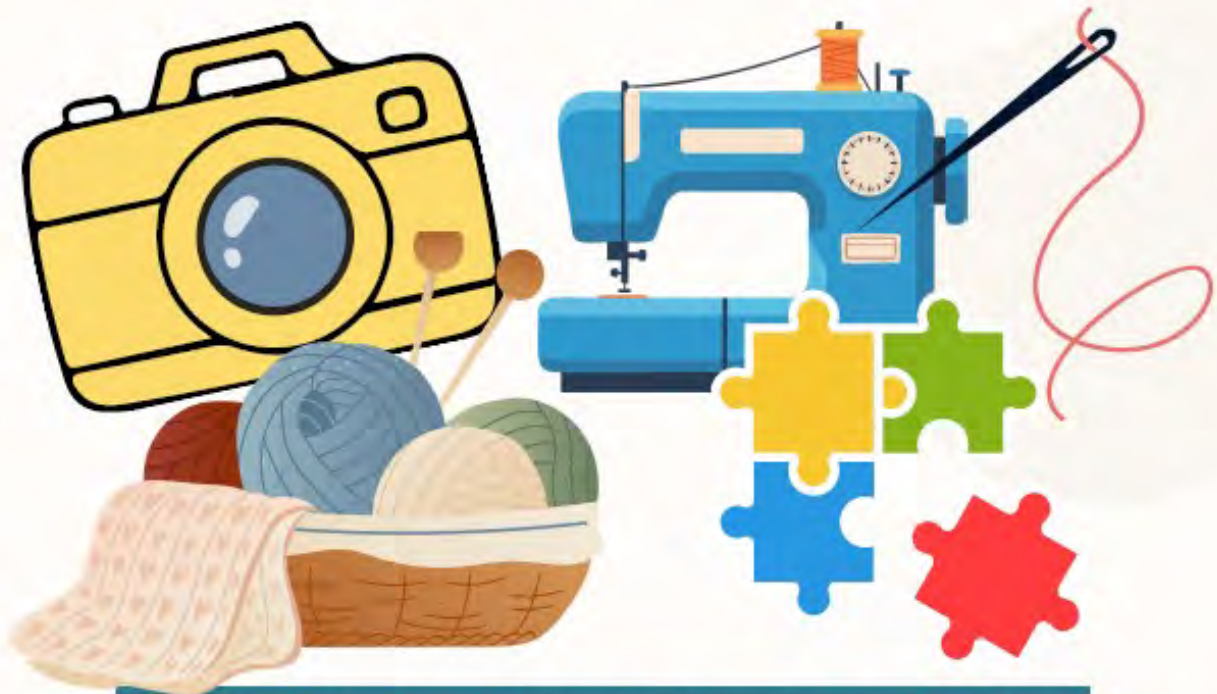


*Sign-up form is on the message board in the Narthex.*



# HOBBY DAYS

APRIL 17 - 18  
10:00AM - 12:00AM



HOBBY DAYS ARE TWO DAYS/NIGHTS OF CREATIVE FUN WITH TIME FOR YOURSELF, YOUR FAVORITE HOBBY, AND FELLOW CRAFTERS. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OUR YOUTH GROUP (YAC) TO PUT TOWARDS THEIR SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIPS.

WEEKEND INCLUDES:

- HALF OF A ROUND TABLE
- COFFEE, ICE TEA, WATER

# CRLC GAMES & FELLOWSHIP NIGHT



**SATURDAY  
APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**6:00PM**

**The Knicely's Home**  
1616 Elizabeth Lane, Macedonia

Karen and Lee Knicely will provide the main course. Please bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable, or dessert.

Let the Knicely's know if you will be attending at: Email: knicelyalee@yahoo.com, or Karen's phone: 330-348-1309, Lee's phone: 216-956-7825

PLEASE CONTACT BLAINE AND JUDY COLEMAN IF YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO HOST FOR NEXT YEAR.

*Save the Dates!*

## **LMM 2026 PUBLIC IMMERSION EVENTS**

APRIL 15  
JUNE 17  
OCTOBER 14

The popularity of the Immersion events has continued to grow every year. Various CRLC members have joined in this event in recent years, finding the tours to be informative and inspiring.

Everyone comes away with a much broader knowledge of the overall scope of LMM programming and ministries.

Each event is personally led by LMM President and CEO, Maria Foschia.

The events are held in the morning, beginning with a continental breakfast made by the LMM Culinary Training students. Your tour takes you to each of the organization's locations, meeting staff and learning more on each program and its impact.

Space is limited on these tours, they fill up quickly.

Keep your eye on LMM's social media platforms for sign up, and watch for more information on how to sign up in upcoming Insights.

## April Volunteers In Parish Service

As always, if you are unable to serve on a scheduled date, *please find your own replacement*  
and let the church office know by Wednesday of that week.

*Thank you for your service!*

| <b>April 2 Maundy Thursday</b> | <b>7:00 pm</b>                             |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Assisting Minister             | Chris Schuhle                              |
| Communion Assistants           | Lisa Witzke, Bob or Pam Bertsch            |
| Ushers                         | Ken Blank, Scott Witzke                    |
| Altar Care                     | Linda Eckenbrecht & all altar care members |

| <b>April 3 Good Friday</b> | <b>7:00 pm</b>         |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Assisting Minister         | Linda Radefeld         |
| Communion Assistants       | x                      |
| Ushers                     | Amy Marek, Dennis Nagy |
| Altar Care                 | Linda Eckenbrecht      |

| <b>April 5 Easter</b>                    | <b>6:30 am</b> | <b>8:00am</b>           | <b>10:30am</b>                       |
|--|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Assisting Minister                       | Chris Schuhle  | Lou Carouse             | Open                                 |
| Communion Assistants                     | x              | Pam & Bob Bertsch       | Lisa Witzke, Dennis Nagy             |
| Ushers                                   |                | Al Radefeld, Todd Kiick | Scott Witzke, Dan Bartik             |
| Acolyte                                  |                |                         |                                      |
| Altar Care                               | Pastor Randy   | Dorthea Kramer          | Dana Vrcan                           |
| Counters: Jeff & Cathy Smith, Jeff Luksa |                |                         | Coffee Hour Hosts: Pancake breakfast |

| <b>April 12</b>                      | <b>8:00 am</b>             | <b>10:30 am</b>                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Assisting Minister                   | Suzana Koch                | Joan Castelucci                |
| Communion Assistants                 | x                          | Lee Knicely, Linda Echenbrecht |
| Ushers                               | Mark Evans, Lisa Antonucci | Jeff Dentzer, Dana Vrcan       |
| Altar Care                           | Pam & Bob Bertsch          | Jan Hansler                    |
| Counters: Jeff Dentzer, Todd Romance |                            | Coffee Hour Host: Open         |

**April 19****8:00 am****10:30 am**

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Assisting Minister

Deb Blank

Dana Vrcan

Communion Assistants

x

Jill Koubal, Chris Schuhle

Ushers

Ken Blank, Adrienne Davic

Wendy &amp; Chris Dralle

Altar Care

Gail Stelmaschuk

Shirley Fisher

Counters: Mike Bodanza, Elaine Foss, Lisa Witzke

Coffee Hour Host: Open

**April 26****8:00 am****10:30 am**

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Assisting Minister

Don Dobos

Sandy Weiss

Communion Assistants

x

Jan Romance, Wendy Dralle

Ushers

Don Laubacher, Lou Carouse

Grace Dralle, Frank Boulton

Altar Care

Cheryl Stiefvater

Linda Eckenbrecht

Counters: Joy Petrovic, Dan Bartik, Dennis Farney

Coffee Hour Host: Open

# Happy Birthday!

# Happy Anniversary!

- 1 Douglas Pohle
- 2 Tom Weber
- 2 Janet Snow
- 3 Peter Smith
- 4 Shelby Gibson
- 4 Kevin Lewison
- 4 Will Krew
- 5 Judy Coleman\*\*
- 6 Deb Atsberger
- 6 Mike Marcinko
- 9 Isabella Benza
- 9 Craig McGhee
- 10 Alivia Olman
- 10 Jocelyn Smith
- 12 Andy Mook
- 13 David Smith
- 14 Barb Wojtala\*\*
- 15 Ann Farine
- 16 Brian D'Anza
- 16 Paul Koch
- 17 Connie Minerovic
- 17 Shirley Shaver
- 18 Karen Guzi
- 19 Frank Boulton
- 19 Jaiden Gunta
- 20 Steve Wilson
- 21 Wendy McGavic
- 21 Cathy Thomas
- 23 Cameron Booher
- 24 Mark Vilem
- 26 Dennis Farney
- 26 Kat Koubal
- 26 Brooks Kerrick
- 26 Mackenzie Kerrick
- 29 Ray Halter
- 29 Beth Spann
- 30 Connor Halter

\*\*= Milestone Birthday



- 1 Matthew & Brandy Falcone
- 2 Sandy & Don Dobos
- 2 Blain & Suzie Putich-Kisling
- 3 Donna & Mike Opperman
- 7 Jacqui & Kevin Lewison
- 13 Jan & Todd Romance
- 24 David & Joanna Pretz-Anderson
- 26 Joani & Joe Huber
- 28 Sue & Dennis Farney
- 29 Gretchen & Don Grossenbaugh



Did you know that we have the ability to receive online giving through our website?  
([www.crlcbrecksville.org](http://www.crlcbrecksville.org))

This option will allow for folks to contribute to our congregation using their credit card or debit card. There is not a cost for the church to host this ability, however this is a cost to us for every transaction that is processed. The donor however, can add this fee to any donation they make using this process so that the church receives the full amount intended. This will allow for folks who prefer to handle their giving in this way. This can be used for a one-time donation or it can be set up for recurring contributions. It also will allow specific giving to specific funds in our church. You also can download an app for your phone, and after a one-time set-up, you can easily use your mobile device for giving. Donors also have the ability to have recurring donations directly charged to their Bank or S&L checking or savings account through the church Simply Giving program without needing to use the on-line system. Please contact the church office to get more information or to set up this option."



- ◆ Did you know that our youth will be going on a mission trip to Indianapolis this summer?
- ◆ Did you know that we would like to refurbish some of our Chrismons on our Christmas tree? Look for information later this year.
- ◆ Did you know that we are taking a look at updating and refreshing our church constitution?
- ◆ Did you know that the dates of VBS this year are the weekend of June 26<sup>th</sup>?
- ◆ Did you know that in order to publicize something in the newsletter we need it by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior?

... and Now You Know!

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All those impacted by war and natural disasters.



Prayer concerns will be removed after 8 weeks, unless otherwise requested.

# APRIL 2026

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
|--|--------------------------|-----------|---|--|---|--|
| <p><b>CHRIST THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br/>           9201 Brecksville Road Brecksville, Ohio 44141<br/>           440.526.2303 <a href="http://www.office@crtcbrecksville.org">www.office@crtcbrecksville.org</a><br/>           Monthly insight submissions: <a href="mailto:insight@crtcbrecksville.org">insight@crtcbrecksville.org</a></p> |                          |           |   |  |   |  |
| <b>5</b><br>Easter Sunday<br>6:30am Easter Sunrise<br>Worship<br>7:30am - 10:30am Easter<br>Pancake Breakfast<br>8:00am Easter Worship<br>10:30am Easter Worship   | <b>6</b><br>7:00pm Yoga  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>10:00am Ladies<br>Bible Study<br>7:00pm Adult<br>Choir  | <b>9</b><br><b>Maundy Thursday</b><br>7:00pm Maundy<br>Thursday<br>Worship | <b>10</b><br>Good Friday<br>7:00pm Good<br>Friday Worship | <b>11</b><br>9:00am<br>Decorate for<br>Easter<br>10:00am Mikovic<br>Funeral                |
| <b>12</b><br>8:00am Worship<br>9:15am Adult Sunday School-<br>Suicide Prevention led by<br>Aleneas Dine<br>9:15am Sunday School-All<br>Ages<br>10:30am Worship<br>4:00pm Gospel Disciples in<br>Song   | <b>13</b><br>7:00pm Yoga | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br>Monthly insight<br>Deadline<br>10:00am Faithful<br>Readers Book<br>Discussion<br>6:30pm Buch rehearsal | <b>16</b><br>9:30am Theo-<br>Thursday at<br>Demetrios                      | <b>17</b><br>10:00am -<br>12:00am Hobby<br>Days           | <b>18</b><br>10:00am - 12:00am<br>Hobby Days<br>6:00pm CRLC<br>Games &<br>Fellowship Night |
| <b>19</b><br>8:00am Worship<br>9:15am Adult Sunday School-<br>"What is going on with men<br>and the Bible?" Led by Pastor<br>Randy<br>9:15am Sunday School-All<br>Ages<br>10:30am Worship  | <b>20</b><br>7:00pm Yoga | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b>  |
| <b>26</b><br>8:00am Worship<br>9:15am Adult Sunday<br>School-Reasons to leave<br>the Church"-led by Pastor<br>Randy<br>9:15am Sunday School-All<br>Ages<br>10:30am Worship   | <b>27</b><br>7:00pm Yoga | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br>11:00am - 1:00pm<br>Haven Home Baby<br>Shower & speaker  | <b>30</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>   |

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